AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 9:00 AM

Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Third Floor – Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER

- I. MINUTES
 - Review and approval of the minutes of the November 29, 2017 meeting.
- II. <u>ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS</u>

ADJOURN

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **November 29, 2017** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman

Carol Goldberg, Esq. Lawrence Lefland, OD Joseph Pavano, III, OD Lawrence M. Sweeney Regina A. Strand, OD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the June 28, 2017 and September 27, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Goldberg, seconded by Mr. Sweeney.

II. <u>Department of Public Health Updates</u>

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are cases currently being investigated by the Department.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Reinstatement after practicing with a lapsed license

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Investigation Unit explained the current policy regarding practitioners who have continued to practice after their license has expired and are seeking reinstatement. The current policy requires a Reinstatement Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a civil penalty which is calculated based on the time period the practitioner has continued to practice.

Dr. Strand made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lefland, recommending that DPH continue with its current policy. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

Meeting Dates for 2018

Following are the meeting dates scheduled for 2018.

March 28, 2018 June 13, 2018 September 12, 2018 November 28, 2018

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

V. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists